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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 26 and 28 October 1993, there appear to have been four flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 1 of resolution 816 (1993) or approved by UNPROFOR in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are attached as annex I to the present note verbale. Additionally, there appears to have been one flight on 25 October 1993 not previously reported. Details as to the itinerary of this flight are attached as annex II.

The total number of flights assessed as apparent violations is now 945. It should be noted that, in document S/24900/Add.90, the total number of such flights should have been 940.

Annex I

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(26-28 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
963	26 Oct.	0542	0555	AWACS and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighters made radar contact with an aircraft 30 kilometres north-west of Mostar before losing it 35 kilometres south-west of Mostar. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South Slow 1,800 feet
				[27 Oct.: no violations reported]	
964	28 Oct.	0255	0323	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 30 kilometres west of Mostar. For operational reasons, NATO fighters were unable to investigate and AWACS lost radar contact 20 kilometres west of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east Slow Low
965	28 Oct.	0355	0418	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 45 kilometres north of Mostar. For operational reasons, NATO fighters were unable to investigate and AWACS lost the contact 40 kilometres west of Mostar. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	South-west Slow 8,700 feet
966	28 Oct.	0524	0549	AWACS made radar contact with an aircraft 25 kilometres south-west of Gorni Vakuf. NATO fighters also made radar and visual contact a few minutes later with a brown camouflage helicopter identified as an MI-8 helicopter with a white square and red cross, The fighters issued verbal warnings. A short time later, the helicopter appeared to land 13 kilometres west of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Bosnian Croats.	North-east Medium Low

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Annex II

Addition information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(25 October 1993)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
967	25 Oct.	1600	1601	European Community Monitoring Mission (ECMM) personnel observed an MI-17 helicopter (registration No. T9-HAG) land in Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Unknown Slow Low